Railway corporation for Chennai MRTS

*391. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting up of a separate railway corporation for Chennai Mass Rapid Transport System is under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Setting up of a separate corporation has not been felt necessary so far due to following reasons:—

(i) Phase I from Chennai Beach to Tirumailai is under operation with the train services integrated with the suburban services of the Southern Railway.

(ii) Construction of Phase II of the Chennai Mass Rapid Transit System from Tirumailai to Velachari is under execution on cost sharing basis between the Railways and State Government of Tamil Nadu. Both the Governments have been providing requisite funds for construction of the system. The project has been making satisfactory progress with the existing arrangement.

(iii) State Government has not come forward with any proposal in this regard.